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Mr. Frank Jordan
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Dear Mr. Jordan,

When we spoke this afternoon, you suggested that I write you a brief note to remind you to get me a transcript of the Army Intelligence part of last night's "First Tuesday".

However, I want to go further than that. I want to make a written record for your files of one appreciative viewer's belief that this is one of the very best moments in his TV viewing, a conspicuously fine example of reporting as it should be but rarely is, and an important contribution to the preservation of freedom.

It must have taken real courage to do and to air, and for this we are all the more in your debt.

Because it amazed me, I guess, it was stunning to most of your audience, for I was in intelligence (OSS) and as an investigative reporter in my youth did investigations of several foreign intelligence services. I was also what today would be called an unregistered agent of British intelligence before we got into World War II.

Here are the citations to the JFK assassination picture taken by an Army Intelligence man, from the Warren Commission files now in the National Archives:

CD206:20

CD206:19

CD354 (Secret Service Central 1009).

My copies of the latter are not sufficiently clear for copying. I enclose the first two, the return of which I'd appreciate (no rush). What these FBI reports do not disclose is that Powell was also inside the Texas School Book Depository Building and was trapped there when the entrances were closed, which was some time after the shooting. They do disclose that it was late and then not by Army Intelligence initiative that his presence there and the existence of his picture became known. The Archives reports they do not have the picture. (I've been toying with the idea of seeking it under the "Freedom of Information" Act.) Need I tell you that any picture taken at that had had to be examined with the greatest care in any real investigation? I have found no evidence that anyone on the Warren Commission saw it.

If you want to ask the Archives for copies, the number to phone is 96-34092. The cost will be 50¢ for the five pages. However, I suggest you might ask if they have anything else on this. Some other pages may have turned up since I got these.

Those who researched this show may sometimes be interested in what happened to my badge after I made a speech at the University of Minnesota on "The Integrity of Our Society", dealing with intelligence and investigative activities, at the time you report Army Intelligence activity there. I thought the FBI did it to me! Again, thanks and sincere congratulations!

Yours,